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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6854

BILL NUMBER: HB 1249

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 18, 2008

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Tuition Exemption for Purple Heart Recipients.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Klinker

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that an Indiana resident who: (1) enters active duty service in the armed forces of the United States or the Indiana National Guard after September 10, 2001; (2) receives the Purple Heart decoration; and (3) satisfies other criteria; is exempt from tuition and fees at state educational institutions.

Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The impact would depend on the number of Indiana veterans who entered active service duty after September 10, 2001 and received a Purple Heart that apply for the tuition and fees exemption. The state currently provides the tuition and fees exemption to children of Purple Heart recipients. For FY 2006-2007, 265 students qualified and the average fee exemption was about \$3,363. According to the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs, the Indiana National Guard has deployed 9,570 people since 9/11/2001. Of the 9,570 deployed, 63 national guards (0.66%) have been awarded Purple Hearts. It is estimated that 30,000 people have been on military active duty from Indiana since 9/11/2001. Assuming approximately the same percentage received a purple heart then about 261 Purple Heart would have been issued since 9/11/2001. The impact assuming a 5% increase in tuition and fees per year and that all estimated 261 Purple Heart recipients took advantage of the benefit would be about \$968,000.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: State Educational Institutions, Department of Veterans Affairs.

Local Agencies Affected:

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